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The method we will pursue, keeping crews aboard vessels and detaining steerage passengers before embarkation, if done properly, will be entirely satisfactory. I inclose a circular letter sent to the different steamship companies and others interested.

Circular.

OFFICE U. S. QUARANTINE OFFICER,
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Cebu, P. I., June 26, 1903.

To Steamship Companies, Owners and Agents of Vessels, and Others:

On account of the prevalence of cholera in this port it has become necessary to impose certain restrictions on outgoing vessels, so that the exportation of cholera will be prevented.

In order that the shipping will be interfered with as little as possible, the following regulations have been promulgated:

1. Crews of vessels while in this port must remain aboard and will not be allowed to have any communication with the shore. The captain only will be permitted to leave the vessel to attend to necessary business.

2. Steerage passengers must remain in quarantine a sufficient length of time to make five days upon arriving at destination. If detention is not possible, they will not be allowed to embark.

3. The above paragraph also applies to members of the crew shipped at this port.

4. Bills of health will be issued in the bay just before the departure of the vessel.

These regulations will go into effect on and after July 1, 1903, by direction of the chief quarantine officer of the Philippines.

Respectfully,

[SEAL.] CARROLL FOX,
Assistant Surgeon, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service,
Quarantine Officer.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Inspection of vessels, month of July, 1903.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, August 3, as follows:

Number of vessels inspected.....	11
Bills of health issued.....	21
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	71
In transit.....	242
Crew inspected.....	399
Vessels in quarantine.....	2
Immigrants inspected.....	42
Rejections.....	0
Passengers detained in observation.....	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	0